



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Bluefish 2014 Final Specifications

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NOAA Fisheries has approved the 2014 final specifications for the Atlantic bluefish fishery. The 2014 Atlantic bluefish total allowable landings are 21.081 million lb. After transferring 3.340 million lb from the recreational sector to the commercial sector as provided by the regulations, and deducting the research set-aside quota of 99,000 lb, the final specifications are as follows:

- Commercial quota – 7,458,570 lb
- Recreational harvest limit – 13,523,032 lb
- Recreational possession limit – 15 bluefish per person

2014 Final Atlantic Bluefish State Commercial Allocations

State	Percent Share	Final Quota* (lb)
ME	0.6685	49,861
NH	0.4145	30,916
MA	6.7167	500,970
RI	6.8081	507,786
CT	1.2663	94,448
NY	10.3851	774,579
NJ	14.8162	1,105,075
DE	1.8782	140,087
MD	3.0018	223,891
VA	11.8795	886,040
NC	32.0608	2,391,274
SC	0.0352	2,625
GA	0.0095	709
FL	10.0597	750,309
Total	100.0001	7,458,570

*Including RSA deductions

Based on updated landings information through December 31, 2013, no commercial bluefish quota overages occurred in 2013.

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